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Movement to Oust General RADESCU:

1. On 1 November 1949, the following information was received from an informant of this office pertaining to information regarding the supposed movement afoot to oust General RADESCU and replace him with VISOIANU, who is presently in the UNITED STATES. Evaluation: B-3.
2. When PETALA Vintilla was a Minister Plenipotentiary of ROUMANIA, he had recommended DI DIMITRIU for the position of Roumanian Consulate of Trieste.
3. In the past year, when PETALA was in Trieste, he was an intimate friend of Major KELLET (British). PETALA left for Paris a month ago and is presently in SWITZERLAND. DI DIMITRIU and ANTONIU Alexander are also close friends of Major KELLET and are also members of the VISOIANU faction.
4. This group is also backed by TILIEA Viorel V., a Roumanian political figure who is presently in London.

This is all the pertinent information on subject in this document.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

NAME RADESCU, Nicolae (Lt. Gen.)

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CASE No.
DATE 18 November 1949

NATIONALITY Rumanian

BIRTHDATE 30 March 1874
BIRTHPLACE Pihamont, Rumania

PRESENT POSITION President, Rumanian National
Committee

RACE
SEX
MARITAL STATUS Divorced
NAME OF SPOUSE

LOCATION New York City

GEN. OCCUPATION Army officer

CHILDREN One son

EDUCATION

RELIGION
POLITICAL AFFILIATION

LANGUAGES French, English

ATTITUDE TOWARDS: U.S.

HONORS

U.S.S.R.

CAREER:

1926-1928 Military Attache, London.
1928- — Member, Military Household of the Royal Palace.
1941-1944 Interned in concentration camp.
1944 Chief of the General Staff, October - December.
1944-1945 Prime Minister, December 1944 - February 1945.
1945 Under British protection, March - May; subsequently placed under forced domicile.
1946 Escaped from Rumania to Cyprus, 15 June; later went to Lisbon.
1947 Arrived in United States, November.
1949 President, Rumanian National Committee, 9 May;
Visited Europe, October.

REMARKS:

General Nicolae Radescu, the last legal Prime Minister of Rumania, has been persecuted by both the Fascist and Communist Rumanian regimes. During the German occupation of his country, he was interned in a concentration camp because of his protests against German activity in Rumania. Appointed Prime Minister in December 1944, he was dismissed from this office in February 1945, following pressure by Vishinski on the King; the Groza regime then came into power. Escaping from Rumania in June 1946, Radescu made his way to western Europe, where he became a leader of the Rumanian political emigration.

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RADESCU, Nicolae (continued)**SECRET**Remarks (continued)

The central figure in the lengthy and complicated maneuvers leading up to the formation in May 1949 of the Rumanian National Committee, of which he assumed the presidency, General Radescu was reported in 1948 to be apparently more and more willing to work with persons whose motives were open to question; viz. Davila, Tilea, and Nicolae Malaxa. The latter, a wealthy Rumanian industrialist, allegedly the chief pro-Nazi agent in Rumania under King Carol, and afterward one of the chief sustainers of the Iron Guard, was said to be working in close contact with Rumanian Communists.^{2/} Malaxa, who lives in New York, reportedly stated in November 1948 that he was subsidizing General Radescu to the extent of \$5000 monthly.^{3/} It was reported in September 1949 that Radescu had admitted to the Rumanian National Committee that he was subsidized by Malaxa and that the Committee had asked Radescu to cease any relations, political or financial, with Malaxa.^{4/}

Radescu has been characterized as well-intentioned but old and "naive" by King Michael.^{5/} who more than once evidenced concern over Radescu's insistence that Davila and Tilea be included in any Rumanian National Committee. The King also is reported to have criticized Radescu's plan for establishing a comprehensive "union", representative of all types of Rumanian emigres, including former fascists.^{6/ 7/}

Radescu recently went to Paris reportedly with the intention of summoning a "congress" of Rumanian personalities in order to secure a mandate for the formation of a new Rumanian National Committee that would support his views. He is said to have decided, however, not to convoke his "congress" following the receipt of a message from King Michael instructing him to come to an agreement with the members of the present Committee.^{7/}

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- 4/ CIA, SO-28222, 26 September 1949, Secret.
- 5/ State, T-1123, Bern, 27 August 1948, Confidential.
- 6/ State, A-611, Bern, 10 December 1948, Secret.
- 7/ CIA, SO-30716, 2 November 1949, Secret.

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